

Message

From: Roger Walker [rwalker@rawalkerassociates.com]
Sent: 11/25/2020 1:51:26 PM
To: Cozad, David [Cozad.David@epa.gov]
Subject: [SPAM-Sender] Re: SPEAKER FOLLOW-UP :: Need a RESPONSE (asap):: SPEAKERS at MECC 2020 :: Health and Safety Protocols for MECC 2020 - December 1-2 -- Midwest Environmental Compliance Conference (MECC 2020)

Dave:

We are going 100% zoom. More later from me and Kevin Perry.
Thanks for your support of our events and your friendship. I admire the work you do and even more how you do it.

Roger Walker
573.415.7699

> On Nov 24, 2020, at 10:41 AM, Roger Walker <rwalker@rawalkerassociates.com> wrote:
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> Bummer of a complication. It's rough out there.
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> I have two young men in my house (my son and a friend of the family). Everyone's still good. Weird semester at MU though.
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> Thanks.
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> Roger Walker
> 573.415.7699
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>> On Nov 24, 2020, at 10:28 AM, Cozad, David <Cozad.David@epa.gov> wrote:
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>> I'm talking with Gulliford about it at noon. I'll let you know.
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>> I also have a complicating factor. A college kid who tested positive last Friday quarantining on our basement
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>> Sent from my iPhone
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>>> On Nov 24, 2020, at 10:11 AM, rwalker@rawalkerassociates.com wrote:
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>>> Have a great thanksgiving.
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>>> As time allows, please let me know if you can join in person on December 1st at the KC convention center.
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>>> We are limited now to no more than 20 people in a room for 600 and will have a stage set up safe distanced with individual microphones.
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>>> I understand either way but let me know. Lots of moving parts here.
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>>> All the best,
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>>> Roger Walker
>>> 573.415.7699
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>>> -----Original Message-----
>>> From: rwalker@rawalkerassociates.com [mailto:rwalker@rawalkerassociates.com]
>>> Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 10:16 AM
>>> To: Cozad, David (EPA)
>>> Subject: FW: SPEAKER FOLLOW-UP :: Need a RESPONSE (asap):: SPEAKERS at MECC 2020 :: Health and Safety Protocols for MECC 2020 - December 1-2 -- Midwest Environmental Compliance Conference (MECC 2020)
>>> Importance: High
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>>> Hi David:
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>>> We need to know your plans for MECC. Production team needs to map this out. Lots of moving parts now.
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>>> QUESTION: Limited appearance on stage safely distanced (we will have NO audience) [OR] via zoom.

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>>> Of course we want the onsite appearance. Better look, and I feel confident we will host this safely. Jim Gulliford and all the State Agency directors (except Leo Henning) will be in person.
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>>> For the "Election Results Panel" on Day One at 8 a.m.: Everyone will be in person. Have not heard from you.
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>>> Let me know. There is a risk but I know it's less than going to the grocery store but more than chilling at your computer (unless you are at coffee shop).
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>>> All the best,
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>>> Roger Walker
>>> 573.415.7699
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>>> *****
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>>> Awesome! THANK YOU!
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>>> I have heard back from enough of you to let you know that MECC will definitely be a live, IN-PERSON event on-site at the KC Convention Center (but with NO live audience).
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>>> CHANGES:
>>> 1. We will NO LONGER have a live audience. SPEAKERS ONLY.
>>> 2. This will be a stage production and we will ZOOM additional speakers as necessary.
>>> 3. We have done this before at REGFORM events (our production crew is top notch).
>>> 4. We will take all the precautions that we can (including 5-7 minute breaks between sessions to allow safe entry and egress from the stage).
>>> 5. We ask that speakers NOT stay around. It will be a production center at the point and not an event.
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>>> ** If you have NOT responded to me I hope you will join us in person!! We still need to know for our planning purposes.
>>>
>>> Thanks again. It will be valuable, interesting, and maybe even fun. I never expected to know anything about broadcast production prior to COVID so I guess I can add this to my resume....
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>>> All the best,
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>>> Roger Walker
>>> Planning Chair MECC
>>> Executive Director, REGFORM
>>> 573.415.7699
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>>> From: rwalker@rawalkerassociates.com [mailto:rwalker@rawalkerassociates.com]
>>> Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2020 10:37 AM
>>> To: 'rwalker@rawalkerassociates.com'
>>> Subject: Need a RESPONSE (asap):: SPEAKERS at MECC 2020 :: Health and Safety Protocols for MECC 2020 - December 1-2 -- Midwest Environmental Compliance Conference (MECC 2020)
>>> Importance: High
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>>> SPEAKERS at MECC 2020 (sending only to those who had initially indicated In-Person presence):
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>>> URGENT!
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>>> We have made it a priority to create a safe place to broadcast a live event to a largely virtual audience.
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>>> I know that speaking at MECC creates some risk -- but I also know it's far less of a risk than the risk of going to a grocery store or other things we all do.
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>>> Obviously our goal was to create the feel of a real event which you simply cannot get from a ZOOM or similar format. It is hard to mix a zoom with live on stage. Not impossible but hard.
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>>> QUESTION: Are you still able to attend IN-PERSON to speak at the MECC event from the convention facility (given the safeguards we have put in place (see below))?
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>>> ____ yes
>>> ____ no
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>>> If we eliminated the small Live Audience, would this make a difference to you? (we have 55 In-Person -- speakers make up one-half of this number)

